GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RAILWAY FREIGHT NETWORK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has created a new railway freight network in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has cleared a Steel Freight Corridor project to transport iron ore, steel and cooking coal in Orissa;

(d) if so, the details alongwith MoU signed in this regard; and

(e) the time by which the said project is likely to be made operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Do not arise. An MoU for implementing Haridaspur-Paradeep New Line Project through a Special Purpose Vehicle has been signed on 24.5.2005 by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) with Paradeep Port Trust, Government of Orissa, M/s Essel Mining & Industries Limited, M/s Rungta Mines Limited and M/s Jindal Steel & Power Limited. The project is targeted for completion in 2008-09. This new line is expected to handle iron ore traffic between Banspani & Paradeep Port and coking coal from Paradeep Port to various steel plants.